



H.RES. 924 – CONGRATULATING IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR 150 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD AS IOWA'S LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITY

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 924 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Bruce Braley (D-IA) on January 16, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on January 16, 2008, but was never considered.

H.Res. 924 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 10, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 924 resolves that the House of Representatives congratulates Iowa State University of Science and Technology for 150 years of outstanding service to the State of Iowa, the United States, and the world in fulfilling its mission as a land-grant university; and thanks the State of Iowa for its visionary leadership in the beginning of the land-grant movement in the United States of America.

BACKGROUND

Iowa State University of Science and Technology was established by the Iowa General Assembly on March 22, 1858, as the Iowa Agricultural College and Model Farm in response to the State of Iowa's mission to provide higher education opportunities to farm families and working class families in Iowa.

In 1862, Congress passed the Morrill Act, which created a land-grant system for colleges and universities. In September 1862, Iowa became the first State to accept the terms and conditions of the Morrill Act, creating the land-grant system of colleges and universities in Iowa.

The Morrill Act has three main objectives, which are allowing educational access to all persons regardless of race, gender, or social class; practical research; and outreach. Iowa State has satisfied these criteria by creating the first land-grant institution to be coeducational from its opening, with 16 women in its first class and African-American graduates in the 1880's. Additionally, Iowa State established the United States' first Engineering Experiment Station, and organized the nation's first county Extension Service in 1903.

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